

When Tom left my personal office in 1998 he became the Commandant's Liaison to the United States Senate. This is a top billet reserved for only the finest the service has to offer. His performance in both my personal office and the Senate has been outstanding. As many of my colleagues know, Tom was always quick to respond to any of our questions or concerns and was an invaluable tool in helping us respond to our constituents whenever a Coast Guard issue arose. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to work so closely with Tom.

I offer again my congratulations to Commander Richey and his lovely wife Maureen who reside in Maryland with their two children Patricia and Tommy. I expect great things of this outstanding officer in the future. Mr. President, I yield the balance of my time to my colleagues, Senators BREAUX and DEWINE who wish to express their appreciation as well to Commander Richey for his dedicated service to this country.

Mr. BREAUX. I am honored to join today Senator KERRY on the occasion of Commander Thomas Richey's retirement from the United States Coast Guard.

Senator KERRY and I both serve on the Oceans and Fisheries Subcommittee, and in fact we have sat next to each other for years during committee executive sessions, hearings and other subcommittee fora. It was during these occasions that I first came to know Commander Richey. I would classify the period of 1996–1998 as a very busy time for the subcommittee. During this period, Tom was instrumental in advising Senator KERRY and subcommittee members in general on crucial oceans and fisheries, and maritime issues.

On a more personal note, I sincerely appreciate Tom's assistance and diligent follow through in support of the issues and concerns of my constituents.

It brings me and all Americans great pride in knowing that the Coast Guard is represented by individuals with such high ideals, integrity and dedication to duty. I know of the sacrifices made by Commander Richey and his family and offer my congratulations and personal thanks for a job well done. I wish Tom the best of luck in all future endeavors.

Mr. DEWINE. I commend and congratulate Commander Thomas Richey of the United States Coast Guard for his more than 20 years of service to our country. Commander Richey has had a distinguished career of public service in defense of our great nation. I greatly appreciate all he has done to assist me and my staff over the past three years with maritime transportation issues on the Great Lakes.

Additionally, Commander Richey played a vital part in helping me gain a better understanding of the varied and critical role our Coast Guard plays in the war on drugs. I've been fortunate to travel with Commander Richey, where I had the opportunity to observe,

first-hand, Coast Guard drug interdiction efforts off the coast of the island of Hispanola and Puerto Rico.

Commander Richey's accomplishments have been great and his presence here on Capitol Hill will be sorely missed. I thank him for his dedication and his service to our nation. I wish him and his family all my best.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, May 21, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,654,596,844,308.03, five trillion, six hundred fifty-four billion, five hundred ninety-six million, eight hundred forty-four thousand, three hundred eight dollars and three cents.

Five years ago, May 21, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,115,827,000,000, five trillion, one hundred fifteen billion, eight hundred twenty-seven million.

Ten years ago, May 21, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,463,097,000,000, three trillion, four hundred sixty-three billion, ninety-seven million.

Fifteen years ago, May 21, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,030,373,000,000, two trillion, thirty billion, three hundred seventy-three million.

Twenty-five years ago, May 21, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$607,263,000,000, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,047,333,844,308.3, five trillion, forty-seven billion, three hundred thirty-three million, eight hundred forty-four thousand, three hundred eight dollars and three cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

SALUTING AMERICA'S VOLUNTEERS

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to bring special attention to an area of service that I find particularly important, volunteerism. As we tackle, some of our nation's most pressing needs and problems, we should be promoting and encouraging volunteer activities in our communities.

The importance of volunteering was taught to me as a child. I want to ensure now that we all are mindful of the lessons that volunteering teaches, such as a sense of community and compassion for others. I believe we should remind ourselves of the important role that volunteers play in the delivery of human services.

Volunteers provide an invaluable service to our communities and our citizens. Their presence and contributions put the "caring" back into caregiving. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the contributions volunteers make to long-term care for our nation's seniors.

For example, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a philanthropic health care organization, has been supporting

the creative delivery of health care and health systems for years. In my home state of Arkansas, we are working with the Johnson Foundation in a program entitled "Faith in Action."

"Faith in Action" is a faith-based initiative that encourages volunteerism as a strategy for meeting the needs of the chronically ill. This program provides seed money to fund partnerships between interfaith coalitions and other community organizations, such as Area Agencies on Aging, senior centers, and hospitals. All of these organizations share a common goal—to provide volunteer care to their neighbors in need.

These groups provide a variety of services, including organizing outreach to the homebound; training group leaders who oversee outreach ministries; locating homebound people who have lost touch with their communities; recruiting volunteers from church congregations and communities; connecting with local medical and social services; and providing emotional support services to community members.

The efforts of this dedicated group have brought much-needed support back into our Arkansas communities and are changing the lives of thousands of Arkansans. We are eternally grateful to leaders like Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks of United Methodist Church and Mr. Will Dublin, who have made a tremendous commitment to fostering and sustaining Faith In Action programs in Arkansas.

Next week, these men and many other Arkansas community leaders and volunteers will join me in Little Rock for a special event entitled "Caring Across the Continuum," where we will consider new strategies to promote and encourage volunteer services to assist the aging. With their contributions and energy, I believe we can make a real difference in the quality of care we extend to our state's population of seniors.

I commend these volunteers for their efforts, and I encourage them to continue setting the example for us as we seek legislative remedies for our nation's needs. If there is one thing I have come to appreciate about public policy and planning, it is that we are incapable of paying for everything that we need as a nation. Nor should we expect to do so.

Volunteers play a vital role in filling the gaps in our health care and social services systems. The mere act of volunteering encourages us to look outside ourselves, which in turn nurtures the growth of caring communities. Let's encourage the rest of our nation to consider such efforts as we look to the future and seek to re-weave the moral fabric of our country with the qualities of volunteerism. •

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT H. FOSTER, PUBLISHER AND MODEL CITIZEN

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute

to Robert H. Foster of Dover, NH, publisher of the distinguished New Hampshire newspapers Foster's Daily Democrat and the Laconia Citizen, and a number of other papers, in honor of his 80th birthday which he celebrated on May 17. The newspaper is the longest continually managed and owned periodical by direct descendants of its founder with the family name in its banner.

I have known Bob for nearly 20 years. He is man of impeccable character, commitment to his community, and devotion to his family. His dedication to journalistic excellence has won him the respect of many politicians in the Granite State, no matter what philosophy or party affiliation. Robert Foster is known for his fairness, and for impressing upon his writers and editors that "integrity matters."

Robert and his wife, Terri, have been the driving force behind the success of the newspaper. Foster's Daily Democrat is rich in history dating back to the founding father of the newspaper, Joshua Lane Foster. On June 18, 1873, Joshua published the first edition of the Dover area newspaper. Robert assumed ownership of the newspaper upon the death of his father, Frederick Foster, on November 7, 1956. Robert has worked diligently to ensure that the newspaper continually maintains a standard of professionalism.

Today, as in 1873, Robert understands the importance of keeping the citizens of his community abreast of information which affects the quality of life in the Seacoast and the Lakes Region. Robert and Foster's Daily Democrat are a mainstay in the community, providing the latest news and information to their readers.

As members of the greater Dover community, Robert and Terri have been generous benefactors. Among other accolades, they have been honored as "Citizens of the Year" in Dover.

Robert, a World War II and Korean conflict veteran, has also served on the Board of Governors with the New England Newspaper Association and is a former Trustee at the University of New Hampshire.

Bob and Terri have three children: Catherine Hayward, Patrice Foster and Robert F. Foster. They are also proud grandparents of Catherine and Gregg Hayward and Samuel and Joshua Foster.

I commend Robert Foster for his numerous contributions to his community and our state. He is an exemplary leader who has gained the respect of those who know him. It is an honor and a privilege to represent him in the U.S. Senate, and I am proud to call him my friend. •

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AWARDS

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Susan Dollenmaier of Tunbridge who was chosen as the Vermont Small Business Person of the Year. She has shown ex-

traordinary innovation and vision in building a successful business in Vermont.

Ms. Dollenmaier is the president and co-founder of Anichini Inc., an importing and manufacturing company that designs, wholesales, and retails linens and textiles from Italy, India, the Far East, and Eastern Europe. Anichini also has a furniture division and a line of products for infants. A former social worker for the state of Vermont, Dollenmaier and her ex-business partner, Patrizia Anichini, launched the company about 20 years ago with only a \$600 investment. This year, sales of Anichini's linens are expected to top \$10 million. Besides its outlet store in West Lebanon, New Hampshire—a site she hopes to move to the Vermont side of the Connecticut River very soon—and a new one slated to open in Manchester, Vermont, Anichini operates retail stores in Beverly Hills and Dallas, along with a boutique in New York City. Susan makes sure that some of the cash flow from her wealthy and demanding clientele finances flex time, day care stipends, generous vacations and holidays, a profit-sharing plan and other benefits—as well as better-than-average wages—for her largely female work force of 45 employees. We are very happy Susan chose to start and maintain her business in Vermont.

I commend Susan and all of her employees for receipt of this prestigious award.

I ask that a copy of an April 15, 2001, article in the Valley News outlining Ms. Dollenmaier's achievements be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

SBA HONORS TURNBRIDGE'S ANICHINI INC.

(By Bob Piasecki)

TURNBRIDGE.—Most people drive right past the yellow farmhouse off Route 110 that contains Anichini Inc.'s offices, and that's just fine with Susan Dollenmaier.

Dollenmaier, president and co-founder of Anichini, the importer, manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer of linens and textiles for the rich and famous, prefers to keep a low profile.

That explains why there isn't a sign outside Anichini's headquarters or its warehouse farther down the road—and why there never will be, as long as Dollenmaier is running the company.

"I'm not into being a celebrity," says Dollenmaier, dressed casually in black leggings and a gray cable-knit sweater. "I just want us to get recognition because of our products."

That won't be possible for much longer because Dollenmaier was just named Vermont's Small Businessperson of the Year by the state's Small Business Administration.

Some of Dollenmaier's employees went ahead and nominated their boss for the prestigious award without telling her, and she ended up winning.

The selection put Dollenmaier in the running for being named the national Small Business Person of the Year award, which will be announced next month in Washington D.C.

The SBA singled out Dollenmaier and Anichini for "seamlessly blending economic success with socially conscious business practices."

Deborah Mathews, who has worked with Dollenmaier virtually since the day Anichini was launched, said she was willing to reduce

her salary and make other painful cuts when times were tough.

"Susan's focus on the needs of her staff and the community in which she lives and works made her an ideal recipient for this honor," added Mathews.

"Susan has a profound gift for recognizing hidden potential, and she knows how to bring it out in the open," said Kenneth Silvia, director of the SBA's office in Vermont. "It's manifest not only in her choice of Anichini's product line, but in the people who work at the company—the majority of whom are Vermonters."

A former social worker for the state of Vermont, Dollenmaier and her ex-partner, Patrizia Anichini, launched the company about 20 years ago with a paltry \$600 investment. This year, sales of Anichini's linens are expected to top \$10 million.

Besides its outlet store in the Powerhouse Mall in West Lebanon, and a new one slated to open this summer in Manchester, Vt, Anichini operates retail stores in Beverly Hills and Dallas, along with a boutique in New York City. Its regular clientele includes celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Sharon Stone and Tom Cruise.

Not bad for the daughter of an electrical salesman who grew up in Libertyville, Ill., a small agricultural town 45 miles northwest of Chicago.

Dollenmaier said she always had a thing for beautiful textiles, but doesn't quite know where that fascination came from. "That's something to figure out with a therapist," she jokes. But she suspects it probably has something to do with her grandmother, a dressmaker who also made her own quilts.

She sewed her own clothes as a teenager, and began collecting antique fabrics of all styles and types, never thinking it was ever going to turn into a business.

After graduating from Southern Illinois University, where she earned a degree in design and studied under R. Buckminster Fuller—the inventor of the geodesic dome—Dollenmaier bounced around for a while.

Her life changed in the early 1970s, when she came to south Royalton from Los Angeles to visit her sister, whose husband was attending Vermont Law School at the time, and fell in love with the area.

"It was spring. It was so green and there was so much water," Dollenmaier recalled, sitting at an enormous wooden table in Anichini's spacious conference room.

"It was so refreshing, I turned to my sister and said, 'this has got to be one of the most beautiful places in the world,' and essentially I never left after that."

She got a job as a social worker for the state of Vermont, and helped set up several programs including Meals on Wheels in Tunbridge and many of the other towns along the First Branch of the White River. At the same time, Dollenmaier continued to go to tag sales, flea markets and estate sales, collecting antique fabrics for her burgeoning collection. After she sold part of her cache in New York City, Dollenmaier decided it was time for a major life change.

"It finally dawned on me that I wanted more challenges, and that I was headed toward running some government program in Washington, D.C., if I continued to be a social worker," she says.

So she quit after seven years, and with her partner, rented a loft in Manhattan on 20th Street. "We lived there hand-to-mouth," she said buying, selling and swapping antique linens.

She remembers driving an old, unheated bread truck filled with their wares back and forth from New York and Vermont, where she also kept an apartment in Tunbridge. The duo got their first big break when Barney's, the upscale New York department